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In the Claims

1. (previously amended) A hand tool comprising:
  - (a) a frame having a distal portion and a proximal portion generally defining a first axis extending therebetween, said proximal portion having at least one proximal end;
  - (b) a working element operably coupled to a distal end of said distal portion, said working element having a working portion that is oriented along a first direction with respect to said frame;
  - (c) a handle means pivotally coupled to said frame at a portion thereof intermediate said proximal end and said distal end, said handle means having a pivot axis substantially perpendicular to said first axis; and
  - (d) a brace means operably coupled to said proximal end of said frame, said brace means being configured to operably brace against an upper side of a user's forearm while the user operably grasps said handle means.
2. (original) A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said proximal portion of said frame diverges from said intermediate portion into two spaced apart and substantially parallel disposed proximal members.
3. (original) A hand tool as in Claim 2 wherein said brace means extends between said proximal members.
4. (original) A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said brace means is fabricated from a resilient material.
5. (original) A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said working element is removably secured to said frame.
- 6 - 7. (cancelled).
8. (original) A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said handle means is removably securable to said frame.
- 9 - 13. (cancelled)